



**Greater Milwaukee
Urban League**

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Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

On behalf of Greater Milwaukee Urban League, I am writing to express our strong support for the Safe Summer Site Initiative.

This initiative is not a new idea created in isolation. It is a direct response to what Milwaukee youth, families, neighborhood leaders, and community-based organizations have been naming over the last year. Through youth convenings, listening sessions, community conversations, and violence prevention planning efforts, young people have consistently asked for safe places to go, trusted adults to connect with, positive activities, access to opportunities, and real investment in their neighborhoods.

The Safe Summer Site Initiative reflects those lessons. It responds to what young people have told us they need, especially during evening and weekend hours when exposure to violence, boredom, disconnection, and unsafe environments can increase.

This initiative also aligns deeply with Milwaukee's broader economic development goals. Public safety and economic opportunity are connected. When young people have safe spaces, paid opportunities, mentorship, skill building, meals, recreation, and trusted support, they are more likely to stay connected to school, work, family, and positive community life. Investing in youth safety is also an investment in workforce development, neighborhood stability, small businesses, community-based organizations, and the long-term health of Milwaukee's economy.

We respectfully urge the Milwaukee Common Council to support funding and implementation of the Safe Summer Site Initiative and to continue investing in strategies that place young people, families, and neighborhoods at the center of public safety and economic growth.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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